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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$103 MILLION IN CONTRACTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JUNE**

*More than \$4.7 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two new construction contracts and five new professional engineering service contracts totaling more than \$103 million at its June meeting.

Nearly \$264 million in construction and professional service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2017, as part of the sixth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, more than \$4.7 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with nearly \$1.2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 52,370 total jobs as of May 2017.

June construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$3.7 million contract to R.W. Dunteman Co., Addison, IL, for intermittent pavement repairs on portions of the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) and the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$295,711 contract to Norvilla, Westchester, IL, for drainage improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

June professional engineering services contract awards include:

- An \$84.5 million contract to WSP USA Inc., Chicago, IL, for consulting engineering services in compliance with the Tollway's Trust Indenture and other general engineering services.
- An \$8.9 million contract to Ciorba Group, Chicago, IL, for design services for roadway and bridge reconstruction on the Edens Spur (I-94).
- A \$2 million contract to HBM Engineering Group, Hillside, IL, for design services as needed for roadway work systemwide.
- A \$2 million contract to Robert E. Hamilton Consulting Engineers Inc., Joliet, IL, for design services as needed for facility repairs systemwide.
- A \$2 million contract to Atlas Engineering Group Ltd. Chicago, IL, for construction management services as needed for facility repairs systemwide.

The contracts approved today include two prime consultants, one prime contractor, 23 subconsultants and one subcontractor that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and, four subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 10 to 70 percent per contract, and commitments for veteran participation range from 1 to 5 percent per contract. Of the more than \$103 million awarded for these contracts, nearly \$39.3 million, or 38 percent, is committed to small, veteran-owned or disadvantaged firms.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are awarded through the qualifications-based selection process (Illinois Public Act 87-673 {30 ILCS 535/1-535/80} Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act), which requires state agencies to select professional architects, engineers and surveyors on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. As part of the process, contractors' bid submissions for construction work advertised by the Tollway are opened and read aloud during public bid opening meetings, which are also broadcast live on the Tollway's website. Following an agency review process, the lowest, responsible and responsive bid is presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com). Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the "Doing Business" section of the Tollway's website.

#### **About *Move Illinois***

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21<sup>st</sup> century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

#### **About the Illinois Tollway**

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 292 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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